

Etiquette & Safety

- Please be courteous of other trail users.
- Be prepared. Know your equipment, your ability, the weather, and the area.
- Tell someone your travel plans. Hike with a buddy.
- Bicyclists and hikers, please yield to equestrians.
- Bicyclists and equestrians, please wear helmets.
- Please stay on marked trails. Avoid trails when wet to prevent erosion.
- Please respect private property. Government boundary line is marked by orange bands painted on trees.
- **Trail passes through land open to hunting.** Be aware of hunting seasons. **Wear blaze orange (including pets and horses)** during rifle season, mid-November to mid-December.
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a 6-foot leash. Please clean up after your pets.
- Enjoy wildlife and plant life at a distance.
- Camping and fires are prohibited.
- Please dispose of waste properly. Restrooms are available in park areas.
- Unauthorized motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trails.
- Report concerns to the Philpott Lake Visitor Center: (276) 629-2703.
- Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.



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Dogwood Glen Trail

Philpott Lake
Franklin County, VA



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Trail Information

Dogwood Glen is a 4.5 mile shared-use trail open to hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians. The trail is moderate to strenuous in difficulty, approximately 7 feet wide, and traverses through beautiful hardwood forest connecting the Philpott Dam Tailrace to Salthouse Branch Park along the Franklin County side of Philpott Lake. The trail starts off from the dam with a moderate climb for approximately 2/10 of a mile where it intersects a fire road. It then runs along the fire road for 1.3 miles. Then it separates from the fire road and continues to Salthouse Branch Park. There are some tough climbs and a few short downhill segments. Various stretches of the trail run along the shoreline of Philpott Lake. The main trail is designated by blue markings painted on trees. Spur trails are designated by red markings painted on trees. The trail can be accessed from the Philpott Dam Tailrace (Franklin County side) or Salthouse Branch Park. Parking is limited at Salthouse Branch Park (\$4 day-use fee) and not accessible for equestrians.

Directions

To Philpott Dam Tailrace from 220: Merge onto Fairystone Park Hwy/VA-57W toward Stanleytown/Bassett. Go about 4 miles (you will cross railroad tracks and the Smith River), then turn right onto 57W. Go about 2 miles, then turn right onto Trent Hill Rd (SR 674). Go 1.3 miles, then turn left onto Philpott Dr (SR 674). Go 1 mile, then turn left onto Stoneybrook Ln (SR 727) (you will cross the Smith River). Stoneybrook Ln becomes Riverbrook Rd. Go about 2.5 miles to park entrance.

